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AFDROUGHT

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SUBJ: DROUGHT IN CHAD

REF: NDJAMENA 2034

1. PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FROM NDJAMENA AUGUST 5 OSRO LOGISTIC SPECIALIST PAGE CALLED AT AMEMBASSY TO SAY THAT HIS TRIP TO ABECHE, BILTINE AND MONGO TO INVESTIGATE DROUGHT CONDITIONS, ARRANGED BY GOC DROUGHT COORDINATOR DJONOUMA, HAD BEEN CANCELLED. DJONOUMA INFORMED HIS ONE HOUR BEFORE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE THAT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAD CANCELLED FLIGHT "FOR TIME BEING" FOR SECURITY REASONS. (PRESUMABLY TRIP OF STILL UNIDENTIFIED JOURNALISTS CANCELLED AS WELL.)

2. DURING CALL ON SOVIET EMBASSY, PAGE CONFIRMED THAT AN-12 AIRCRAFT STILL EXPECTED ARRIVE NDJAMENA FOR DROUGHT RELIEF WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. PAGE ASKED WHETHER AIRCRAFT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE CARRY OTHER DONOR'S DONATIONS, AND IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET QUESTION

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HE SAID THAT OSRO WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT PAYMENT BE MADE TO

SOVIETS FOR SUCH SERVICES BY OTHER DONORS. EMBASSY OFFICER (WHOSE IDENTITY UNCERTAIN TO PAGE) STATED THAT EMBASSY HAD RE-COMMENDED TO MOSCOW THAT AIRCRAFT BE PERMITTED CARRY OTHER DONORS' GOODS FREE OF CHARGE BUT HAD RECEIVED NO REPLY TO DATE.

3. DURING CALL ON FRENCH ASSISTANCE MISSION PAGE REITERATED OFFER MADE BY FRENCH AT ROME DONORS MEETING OF TWO NORATLAS FOR DROUGHT RELIEF. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF OFFER BUT ON EXAMINING THEIR REPORT OF MEETING FOUND THAT THEY HAD SIMPLY OVERLOOKED THIS. THEN UNDERTOOK CABLE PARIS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AIRCRAFT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHADE. FRENCH ALSO TOLD PAGE THAT THEY HAD FINALLY AGREED TO PAY TAX ON FUEL FOR MILITARY TRUCKS USED IN DROUGHT RELIEF WHICH HAD BEEN STUMBLING BLOCK TO CHAD ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER (REFTEL).

4. PAGE REPORTED THAT HE OBTAINED ROME APPROVAL FOR SOME TYPE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENT, E.G., "WET WEATHER SUPPLEMENT", TO INCREASE TRANSPORT FEE MAIDUGURI TO NDJEMENA TO 22 NAIRA. PAGE HOPED THAT INDIVIDUAL DONORS WOULD AGREE TO FORMULA OF SOME TYPE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN FEE OF THIS LEVEL. HE STATED HE AUTHORIZED, HOWEVER, TO SAY THAT OSRO WOULD ITSELF PAY SUPPLEMENT TO RAISE RATE FROM NAIRA 14 TO 22 IF NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE SEEMED POSSIBLE. HE ESTIMATES COSTS FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 10,000 TONS NOW AT MAIDUGURI AT ABOUT DOLS 125,000.

5. OSRO REPRESENTATIVE AT MAIDUGURI, CAPT. PETERSEN, DUE LEAVE MAIDUGURI 6 AUGUST, TO BE REPLACED BY DUTCH ENGINEER DIRK SMIT SOMETIME THIS WEEK.

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